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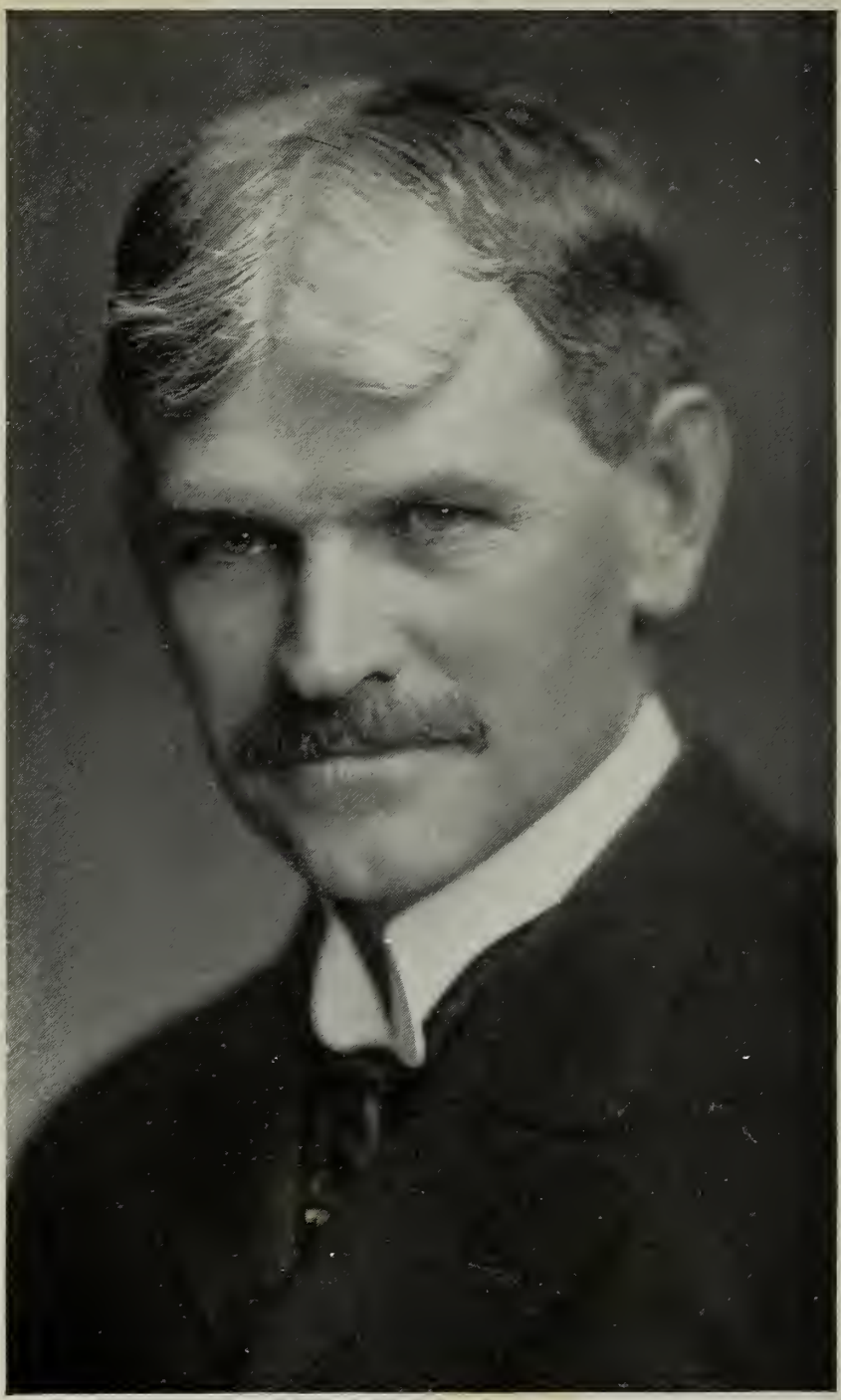

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OF

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Aptly one has said: "Tyre bought and sold: Berytus bought and sold: Sidon bought and sold: Sarepta bought and sold. Where are these cities? Athens taught; and she is to this hour one of the capitals of human thought." Whatever else San Francisco has done or yet shall do, during 1915 she taught through the great Exposition. Let that teaching continue to count.

I—Foreword

When our Executive Committee faced the difficult task of its Religious Activities during the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, published data of similar work that would serve as a suitable guide seemed impossible to obtain. Even that notable and successful campaign conducted by the beloved Dwight L. Moody and his efficient helpers during the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893 does not appear to have been recorded in permanent published form. Hence our Committee was compelled to move in the dark, to blaze a new trail, to attempt what at first seemed well nigh the impossible.

Even up until within less than five months of the close of this tremendous Task our Committee passed through dark days and nights—days and nights when all looked hopeless—days and nights when abandonment of the whole thing seemed the only possible course. This we did not dare to do. The Master bade us forward! We obeyed.

By publishing this all too brief record of its

Work, our Committee thinks it will serve as a fitting history of what Jesus Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, led us to do, and also as a possible guide to efforts of a like character in the future. With this two-fold idea in mind, and with sincere gratitude to our heavenly Father for His answer to prayer as also for the gracious way He used us, we send forth this volume.

H. H. Bell,
Executive Secretary for the
Committee of One Hundred.

San Francisco, California,
May 1st, 1916.

II—Objective

Whatever, in the minds of others, may have been the challenging objective of the needful Religious Activities during the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, from the beginning it was the well-defined purpose of the men upon whom finally the burden of this task rested—men whose life-blood it really exacted—to *stress* the *spiritual* element.

These men determined, yet without any invidious comparisons, to prevent the baneful effects of another such Parliament of Religions as the one held during the World's Fair in Chicago. They determined that our Missionary Exhibit in up-to-date way should articulate the modern Missionary Activities of Protestantism at home and abroad. They determined that our six Congresses should stress the social aspects of Christianity by giving expression to the real Social Message of the Gospel in such way as to challenge all forward men and women and to further such improvement of industrial, economic and social conditions as to forbid zone Lines between Society

and Christianity. They determined that the Evangelism of this our tremendous Task should receive *chief* emphasis and effort, and that it should honor Jesus Christ as the eternal Son of God and the only Savior of lost men by daily lifting Him up in old-fashioned Gospel preaching, with modern application, before the surging multitudes who, from all parts of the globe, should gather at the Golden Gate to witness the latest in human achievement.

III—Supremacy of the Spiritual

That the basic cause of such an Exposition as the Panama-Pacific International, which in compelling way lifted human achievement up at climax, is not in the material factors of our upward, onward civilization simply and only; nor yet in a combination of the scientific, industrial, social, literary and artistic factors: but also and *chiefly* in the operation of the moral and spiritual factors: what thoughtful man or woman will deny?

As Christian men who believe that the moral and spiritual factors are basic—men too who are profoundly thankful to God for the Exposition in all its loftiest and best features—our Executive Committee felt we should be guilty of dishonor to Jesus Christ, if Protestantism, which He has so richly blest and triumphantly used, should allow simply the *effect* in human achievement to be lifted daily before the visiting multitudes and leave the real *cause* of it all—the moral and spiritual—to remain hidden or even obscured!

Hence, with a profound sense of both per-

sonal and representative obligation to Jesus Christ and His world-embracing cause as committed to us and to all whom, the globe around we represent, this Committee felt it both an exalted privilege and a bounden duty to lift the Spiritual into proper perspective and prominence during this the greatest of Expositions—more even, to make the Spiritual *Supreme.*

It remains to be seen whether the results of our Religious Activities, now and in the far-off future, shall justify the effort and the expense.

IV—Preliminary Work

Such undertakings as this always necessitate a large amount of preliminary work. When Congress had decided upon San Francisco as the Exposition City, some men with religious and spiritual vision and who ever have the spiritual interests of the Bay Region and of the Nation at heart, began to plan for some adequate Religious Activities during the Exposition. This first was done in the San Francisco Church Federation—an organization that for years has faithfully and successfully worked for the moral and religious betterment of the city. Some men also outside this Federation moved in the same direction. Meetings were held, committees appointed and plans proposed. But *time* was required in order to arrive at workable plans.

Early in April, 1911, the Church Federation acted as follows:

"Resolved, That a Board of Managers be created to foster and promote the Moral and Religious phases of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, to be held in San Francisco during 1915, and that the San Francisco

Church Federation request the Religious Bodies hereinafter named to appoint representatives upon the said Board of Managers—namely, the Baptist, Congregational, Protestant Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic—to appoint each two clergymen and two laymen; and that the Christian, Lutheran Synods, the Evangelical Churches, the United Presbyterian, and the Methodist Episcopal South each appoint one clergyman and one layman: while the San Francisco Church Federation shall appoint one clergyman and one layman in addition to the above from each of *five* denominations first mentioned.

"Voted—That a Committee consisting of Revs. L. J. Sawyer, H. H. Bell, and G. A. Blair be appointed to nominate the aforesaid representatives from the San Francisco Church Federation.

"Voted—That the Committee on Interdenominational Activities of the Federation be instructed to carry out the provisions of this Resolution."

(Signed) L. J. SAWYER,
Recording Secretary San Francisco
Church Federation.

Within a few days the first meeting of the aforesaid Board of Managers was held when Drs. E. R. Dille, H. H. Bell, George E. Burlingame, L. J. Sawyer, W. C. Evans, William Rader, L. R. Briggs and J. E. White, Esq., were present.

Later, at a luncheon in Union Square Hotel, these same men, together with Dr. Henry J. McCoy, General Secretary of the San Francisco Young Men's Christian Association, organized for action. Drs. McCoy and William Rader were made a Committee to interview the management of the Exposition with a view to our fullest possible co-operation.

This Committee and others attempted interviews, proposed plans and from time to time reported to the larger Committee, but after more than a year had passed little or nothing of definite nature had been accomplished.

Later a luncheon and conference, under the auspices of the Pacific Coast Foreign and Home Missionary leaders, were held at Hotel Stewart. Again plans were proposed and committees appointed, but chiefly with a view to preparing for proper Missionary Exhibits during the Exposition. The aim being to co-operate with the previously arranged committees. This effort in turn failed to materialize

workable plans that fully met the entire situation.

In the meantime the committee which the Church Federation had created reorganized and appointed two leading committees—one on Organization, with Bishop Hughes as Chairman, and one on Methods of Religious Activity during the Exposition. These committees became active and ere long reported back to the General Committee a strong Organization and Workable Plans. But again there was a lull.

While plans were still in embryo, Mr. Fred B. Smith, then a member of the National Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, visited San Francisco. At the Hotel St. Francis Mr. Smith met several members of these two committees, together with certain officers of the San Francisco Church Federation, when it was agreed to ask Mr. Smith to take charge of the whole affair and work it out for us the best possible. This, we were led to believe might be done when he should accomplish his world tour, upon which Mr. Smith was then setting out. Again plans failed.

With all this interest, action and work in general, nothing really effective was accomplished until the autumn of 1913, when

the whole matter was taken up under a new impulse, with new determination and worked out in definite way through the co-operation of the local forces, largely those of the local Church Federation, with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Then the Committee of One Hundred was chosen, confirmed by the Federal Council, organized and immediately began work upon the great Task.

"I will not believe that it is given to man to have thoughts, higher and nobler than the real truth of things."

—Sir Oliver Lodge.

V—Committee of One Hundred

The Committee of One Hundred as appointed and confirmed by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to have charge of the Religious Activities during the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, together with its Officers, Executive Committee, Sub-Committees (arranged by the Executive Committee) and Personnel, as finally constituted after the acceptance of several resignations, was:

Officers

President—Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, D. D., LL. D.
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Corresponding Secretary—Rev. Ernest F. Hall, D. D.

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Bishop R. H. Waterhouse, D. D., LL. D.

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Hon. J. E. White, Recording Secretary and Treasurer
Rev. Ernest F. Hall, D. D.
Rev. E. R. Dille, D. D.
Rev. A. Wesley Mell
Mr. I. H. Morse
Lieut. Governor A. J. Wallace
Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D. D., LL. D.

(Later the Chairman of the various Sub-Committees became members of the Executive Committee, and these proved most loyal and efficient).

Sub-Committees

(Only the Chairmen indicated)

1. Finance—Mr. I. H. Morse
2. Bible Activities—Rev. A. Wesley Mell
3. Evangelism—Rev. George E. Burlingame, D. D.
4. Missionary Exhibits—Rev. H. B. Johnson, D. D.
5. Street Meetings—Rev. H. K. Howe.
6. Social Service Congress—Bishop Wm. M. Bell, D. D., LL. D.
7. Sunday School Activities—Mr. Marion Lawrance.
8. Young People's Work—Mr. Fred D. Parr
9. Woman's National Missionary Congress—Mrs. E. G. Denniston and Mrs. Paul Raymond.
10. Work for Young Women—Mrs. Evelyn Keck.
11. National Immigration Congress—Rev. Charles Blanpied, Ph. D. Later Mr. F. Lenz and Rev. Paul Smith, D. D., served with great acceptance on this Committee.

12. Reform Activities—Rev. J. E. Squires
13. International Peace Congress—Chancellor David Starr Jordan
14. Publicity—Drs. Bell and Burlingame
15. Tabernacle Lot, Building, and Music—Drs. Bell, Burlingame and H. B. Johnson

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VI—Committee Plans

When our organization was complete the problem of plans confronted us. Without any plans of similar work to consult we were at a loss as to how to proceed.

At first our plans were too ambitious and, as we soon learned, wholly impractical. It was proposed to put up a building within the Exposition grounds in the form of an open Bible at a cost of about $250,000. This building was to have housed our Missionary Exhibits, and to have furnished an assembly hall seating at least a thousand persons wherein daily at noon we might gather crowds to hear men and women eminent in the leadership of modern Protestantism lecture on the present-day problems and activities of Evangelical Christianity. The idea was proper, but the obtaining of money for such a building was utterly impossible.

It was also proposed to arrange and assemble a great Missionary Exhibit to cost about $60,000. Also to build in the down-town district

a large steel tabernacle for our evangelistic meetings at a cost of $30,000. This was considered absolutely necessary in order to meet the exacting conditions of the city fire ordinances. Thus the entire original budget called for the raising of $500,000.

All this surely would have been a worthy monument to modern Protestantism in its world-wide activities and in its signal achievements; but no level-headed man in business from the beginning looked upon the scheme with favor. How could he? It was utterly impractical. The Executive Committee early came to see the wisdom of cutting down the budget, which was done until it finally called for less than one-half of the half million dollars. To raise this latter amount some aggressive effort was made and for a time it seemed as if we might get together at least $200,000. But with the breaking out of the appalling European War these hopes soon were shattered!

After the war was declared and had been in progress a few months it became more and more difficult to raise money for anything and especially so for any new enterprise; hence the

Executive Committee early in the autumn of 1914 had to abandon the idea of the building within the grounds, the larger Missionary Exhibit and the steel tabernacle and readjust all its plans. Even this was immensely better than not to have attempted any religious work during the Exposition.

"We are not sent into the world to do anything into which we cannot put our hearts."

—John Ruskin.

The Seven Lamps of Architecture.

VII—Budget Building

The building of the budget for a great work never is easy. Soon or late the effort saps the life-blood of one or more. This task was no exception. Our distance from the great religious and financial centers of the country put us at great disadvantage in raising money. Naturally it was difficult for people in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, New York and Boston to see the force of the arguments we Westerners could offer for the need of large sums wherewith to promote and carry on such an enterprise as this! From the first it was self-evident that locally the work could not possibly be financed—not even any considerable amount of the necessary money could be raised here.

Before the Executive Secretary was sent on a money-raising mission, the Executive Committee and other local friends pledged for overhead expenses about $10,000. Some good friends in Los Angeles and vicinity, Pasadena especially, agreed to stand good for an-

other $10,000. And some of those same friends expressed themselves as confident that at least another $10,000 could be raised in Southern California. With this practically assured $30,000 from California, we began to feel good and at once set about to raise the balance of the necessary funds in the Middle West and in the East.

To this end the Executive Secretary was sent East once, then a second time and finally made a third trip, going each time to new sections. The second trip was completed by the middle of July, 1914, when it seemed clear that we had in definite pledges and good, safe prospects at least $125,000 in sight, and we all felt assured we could raise at least $250,000 for the enterprise.

Came the European war! Came within less than sixty days the self-evident lapsing of pledges and promises until less than *half* of the $125,000 could be counted upon! Came alas! the conviction that we might not be able to count upon $40,000, if that much! Came also the fear that little or nothing might be raised! Words will not give the disappointment! Yet, we were only suffering as was *every* kind of work and worse even *every* established religious enterprise!

What should we do? Either at once we must reduce all our plans and budget to the lowest possible minimum or vote to abandon the work! We decided, after much prayer and serious deliberation—and wisely—not to give up the task, but to do it the *"best possible with whatever money we could raise"!* The reports will show that instead of raising $250,000 we did a mighty work at a total cost, including all departments, of LESS THAN $90,000, which of course does not account for an immense amount of voluntary work by many, upon which no adequate estimate can be set; but which, could we have paid for as we should, would have vastly increased our Budget!

"How soon a smile of God can change the
world!
How we are made for happiness—how work
Grows play, adversity a winning fight!"

—Browning.
In a Balcony.

VIII—Handicaps

Only those who were vitally connected with the monthly, weekly, *daily* doings of the Executive Committee ever shall know the many trying experiences—the almost insuperable obstacles and handicaps which we met at every turn during the two years of this work. The financial handicap was the greatest. At times, however, suitable men were nearly as difficult to obtain as money.

The reader will recall how in the early part of 1914, the nation-wide financial stringency that became apparent late in 1913 rapidly spread from East to West until all over the country it became almost *impossible* to obtain money for any established enterprise. Colleges, Church Boards and many individual churches were struggling for current expenses. Hence, the new enterprise had no show whatever, and the solicitor was anything but a welcome caller at the office or the home. At first and for nearly a year this financial condition made it necessary for the Executive Committee to carry a loan at the bank, for which three or four men—sometimes only two—assumed the responsibility on their own personal notes. Never

before, perhaps, was there a time when it was more difficult to launch and promote such an undertaking as this!

Then came the handicap arising from the European war situation. Men feared for the future. Money for several months seemed to hide away as rarely it hides. The folly of a large budget was self-evident. The possibility of raising any budget whatever seemed most improbable. Only those who then were in quest of money fully realize what this all meant.

Added to all this was the peculiar handicap of our location—so far to one side of the country, creating a widespread and increasing indifference to our whole Exposition scheme. Men argued: "what is the sense of attempting an exposition in this time of war abroad, and of financial depression at home?" The argument had peculiar force. There was also the handicap of the overburdened local churches, not at all recovered from the appalling dual disaster of the earthquake and fire of 1906, until not one of them could offer support to our religious work, although they all realized its *necessity*.

Yet, though the odds against us were *colossal* and it required some courage and more faith, we refused to quit, or even to halt!

IX—Exhibits

As it became evident that we must abandon the idea of the building within the Exposition grounds, effort was made to obtain from the management, that all along had treated our building and exhibit plans most generously, suitable space for an adequate Missionary Exhibit. Early in the proceedings our worthy Committee on Missionary Activities, of which Dr. H. B. Johnson was the efficient, faithful chairman—and none better qualified or more faithful could have been chosen—secured 3,000 square feet of space in the Palace of Education. Later, owing to the war situation the German Government released its large exhibit space in the same Palace, and in his diplomatic way Dr. Johnson secured a change of our location to the southwest corner of this Palace, together with an additional 7,000 square feet of space. The wisdom and good fortune of this became apparent to all when finally our committee occupied this space with the largest and best exhibit of its kind ever offered for public inspection.

When, in 1913, the work of our committee first became a fact, it was decided to ask the Missionary Education Movement to take full charge of building, assembling and overseeing our exhibits. The intimate relation of this splendid Movement with the denominational boards, as also its recognized efficiency combined to argue fully for such action by our committee. At that time the plan was to build and offer to the public a Missionary Exhibit costing about $60,000. A smaller expenditure was not thought to be worthy of modern Protestantism. The Movement accepted the task and its worthy leaders began enthusiastically to negotiate with the Boards with a view to doing this important work. The financial depression set in. The European War began and continued! Soon all the Church Boards and even the worthy Movement itself became financially embarrassed, until by December 15, 1914, the leaders of the Movement, with deep regretfulness to themselves and with sore disappointment to our committee, came to realize they could not accomplish the task and turned it back to us! Dark days followed! The Exposition management was demanding that "All exhibits must be in place for the Opening

Day, February 20, 1915." We knew not how to turn or what to do!

Then it was that another and distinct leading of Providence became ours as we were led to secure the services of Mr. G. B. St. John to feature, collect, assemble, install and supervise our splendid exhibit. New and urgent negotiations speedily had to be made with the Church Boards. For financial reasons many Boards could not respond. Some were indifferent. Some could respond but feebly. Many, many were the lettergrams sent nightly for weeks! Notwithstanding the many and multiplying handicaps Mr. St. John, with his characteristic energy and courage, set about the task, until by the first of April, he had ready and installed for inspection a most attractive, artistic and worthy exhibit.

Several independent organizations and societies, such as the Salvation Army, the American Bible and American Tract societies, the Moody Bible and the Los Angeles Bible institutes and others came to the rescue, thus greatly enriching both the character and compass of the exhibit.

The Moving Picture Gallery became an interesting feature of the exhibit. Daily numbers gathered to hear noted missionaries and other

high grade lecturers. Dr. S. R. Vinton, in his masterly way, set the high standard for this part of our work, which attracted and instructed thousands during the time of the Exposition.

In view of all the staggering odds against which he had to operate, it must ever stand as a fitting tribute to the courage, energy and perseverance of Mr. St. John that he made such a phenomenal success of our exhibit.

As evidence of the lofty place our exhibits reached in public esteem, the Jury of Awards granted us the following prizes: 1. The grand prize. 2. Four gold medals. 3. Five silver medals. 4. Twenty-two bronze medals. 5. Four honorable mentions. No other exposition ever offered anything like such an exhibit. It sets worthy example for all future expositions as to how properly to exhibit Evangelical Christianity.

X—Congresses

During the Exposition six great and timely Congresses, largely under the auspices of our committee were held. The first five of these Congresses were featured and successfully accomplished under the efficient leadership of worthy members of our Executive Committee.

In order, these Congresses were: 1. "The World's Social Progress," featured and realized by Bishop William M. Bell. 2. "The Woman's National Congress of Missions," featured by Mrs. E. G. Denniston and Mrs. Paul Raymond. (This proved to be the best attended Congress of all the over 920 Congresses and Conventions of the Exposition period.) 3. "The International Immigration Congress," featured and made successful under the leadership of Mr. Charles Blanpied, Professor E. A. Ross of the University of Wisconsin, Mr. F. Lenz and Rev. Paul Smith, D. D. "The Congress of the American Sociological Society" cooperated with this Congress. 4. "The World's Bible Congress," featured by the American Bible Society under the efficient leadership of its

local manager, the Rev. A. Wesley Mell, who succeeded in accomplishing a great Congress. 5. "The National Congress of Young People," combining Christian Endeavorers, Epworth Leaguers, the Baptist Young People's Union and other similar organizations, under the strong, worthy leadership of Mr. Fred D. Parr, and other local helpers. This proved a fine Congress. 6. "The International Peace Congress," featured chiefly by the Joint Secretaries H. H. Bell and Professor Robert C. Root.

Each of these Congresses drew large attendance both from a distance and locally. Each Congress presented a thought-challenging program that was rendered in commanding way by men and women who are frontal factors in the onsweep of present-day civilization. Each speaker came *prepared* and gave the public the best obtainable within the sweep of his or her theme. Had our committee done nothing more than to have accomplished these six Congresses, this alone would have justified its existence and operations.

Already the "Proceedings" of "The World's Social Congress," of the "Woman's National Congress of Missions" and of "The International Immigration Congress" are in print. For the first, address Bishop Wm. M. Bell, *227*

West Fifty-first Street, Los Angeles. Address Mr. F. Lenz, care Y. M. C. A., San Francisco, for the second. Address Mrs. Paul Raymond, care Paul Elder's Book Store, San Francisco, for the third mentioned. The report of the "International Peace Congress" soon will be issued and may be obtained by addressing Dr. Frederick Lynch, at 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York. Send a dollar each to Bishop Bell and Dr. Lynch for their books. The Report of the Peace Congress may also be obtained by addressing Professor Robt. C. Root, 1119 Hobart Building, San Francisco—inclose one dollar. As yet the other Congresses have not printed their proceedings.

"The great problem is to restore to the human mind something of the ideal. Whence shall we draw the ideal? Whersoever it is to be found. The poets, the philosophers, the thinkers, are its urns." But before and above them all stands Jesus Christ as the only true ideal at climax. Only as we point men to Him are we really helping them!

XI—Evangelism

From the beginning the one supreme purpose of our Executive Committee was to put emphasis on its evangelistic activities. Through all our Congresses and throughout the worthy Missionary Exhibit there ran the distinct evangelical note. But we all felt that our supreme obligation was to keep Jesus Christ daily lifted before the passing multitudes in the most challenging way—to present Him daily and nightly amidst the peculiar challenge of material achievement and display as "The Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

That this central purpose might the better be realized, we limited our evangelistic activities to one main center—the Tabernacle, with its estimated seating capacity of six thousand persons. For a month or more before the Tabernacle was opened we held noonday meetings in a downtown theatre and upon certain congested street corners where scores of souls were led to Christ. Due attention was given to the location of the Tabernacle in the selection of which site Hon. William Water-

house of Pasadena ably assisted, until finally the famous Tabernacle stood upon the most central and suitable block in the city. Until also, by day and by night, in street car, in automobile, in jitney, and in almost daily great parades, the Exposition crowds surged to and fro past the front of the Tabernacle, reading its great signs, its striking invitations, its business-like announcements and discussing its purpose and possibilities; thus making the crude but commodious structure perhaps the "most talked of and best known building in the city."

It should be said that our centralization idea of the evangelistic work was largely influenced by the experience of that Prince of American Evangelists, Mr. Dwight L. Moody, during his notable World's Fair Campaign at Chicago in 1893. Mr. Moody did his great work there largely by means of many simultaneous meetings, either at noon or at night or both. But he is said to have remarked often: "Had I that work to do over again, I should centralize it on one or two places." Whether or not this would have been Mr. Moody's future plan, the wisdom of our concentration at one center was fully justified by the results.

Perhaps the greatest marvel of all our committee did was the fact that nightly, practically

without cessation, we held great meetings in the Tabernacle for nearly five consecutive months! Even our worthy and self-denying Chairman, Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, at first strongly felt such a feat was physically impossible. But the Lord was with us. He did not allow us either to fail or to falter!

"The keenness of our vision is to be tested by the expansiveness of our love."

—John Ruskin.

Modern Painters.

XII—Evangelists

In all, twelve men, noted as evangelists, preachers and men of special platform power, helped in our Tabernacle work. Simply to mention the names of most of these men clearly indicates the grade of work which for almost five months without the break of scarcely a night was lifted at the Tabernacle and upon the streets of San Francisco to interest the surging multitudes in the Gospel of Christ and its claims upon their lives.

These speakers came in this order: Drs. James A. Francis, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California; L. W. Munhall, M. D., Germantown, Pennsylvania; John McNeill, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado; William A. Sunday, Winona, Indiana; Charles Bayard Mitchell, pastor of St. James Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago; Benjamin Fay Mills, of New York City; William Evans, Professor of English Bible and Practical Theology, in Los Angeles Bible Institute; R. A. Torrey, Dean of the Los Angeles Bible Insti-

tute; Evangelist William E. Biederwolf, Chicago; and Paul Rader, pastor of Moody Church, Chicago.

The noted choristers and soloists who so ably assisted these evangelists were: Professor B. P. Stout and Mrs. Stout, Pasadena, Cal., who were with us from the opening of the Tabernacle and for the longest period; Dr. Philip Wolfram, Chicago; Mr. Charles Rykert, Pomona, California; Mr. William McEwan, Binghamton, New York, and Mr. William McKee, Chicago.

The longest service rendered by any of these evangelists was that of Dr. John McNeill, who was with us during the month of July. The next longest service was rendered by Dr. Biederwolf and Dr. Paul Rader, each of whom remained about the same time.

The Rev. James A. Francis

Dr. Francis came to our aid at the very beginning—the most difficult period of the work—and when it meant well nigh *everything* to begin the effort properly. He came with much fear and trembling, but in the spirit of prayer, of special dedication, and under the manifest leadership of the Holy Spirit. From his opening service he won all our hearts and

gripped and held the large audiences. His work as a preacher of peculiar power, as a soul-winner, as a man to team with, as one who spent much of the day in prayer, and as a Holy Spirit occupied and directed brother beloved, was so acceptable that our Committee unanimously *urged* him to return later for additional service in the Tabernacle, but the exacting duties of his own large pastorate would not permit of this. Words fail to express how ably Dr. Francis helped launch this great enterprise.

Evangelist L. W. Munhall, M. D.

Dr. Munhall is a "war horse" in American Evangelism. Frequently it is remarked that "next to 'Billy' Sunday, perhaps Dr. Munhall has preached to more people than any other living man." He did us a week of effective service. The Civil War record of Dr. Munhall and his experience in secretarial work for the Young Men's Christian Associaton, together with his years of special Evangelistic work, combine to make him a man who "knows how" to deal with men en mass. His positive convictions regarding sin, atonement for sin, regeneration, faith in Blood Redemption, the Bible as the Word of God, and in all the essentials of the Christian faith make Dr. Munhall

a positive preacher of righteousness who achieves great things for the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

The Rev. John McNeill, D. D.

The name of John McNeill is known in well nigh every Christian home the globe around as an evangelist of fame and of power. He also has occupied as pastor some of the noted pulpits of Great Britain and America. He now is pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Denver. Dr. McNeill was the right-hand man of Mr. Moody during the World's Fair campaign at Chicago, in 1893. Here he drew increasingly large audiences during the month of July, and powerfully gripped them nightly with his original, dramatic, forceful, gospel-freighted sermons. Perhaps this was the most favorable month for large audiences; but Dr. McNeill would draw large audiences at any time. His power as an expository preacher, his wit and humor, his rare ability to use so effectively the commonplace things of life in metaphor, simile and illustration—all of which found abundant opportunity for expression before the nightly procession to which

he preached in the Tabernacle, combined to make him the man for this sort of work. Again and again Dr. McNeill would say to members of our Committee: "This is the greatest opportunity and the greatest work the Lord has given me to do." Our Committee admired and appreciated him because, as one of "the big men of the day," he was not *afraid* to come to our help! He gave our work its longest swing and thus tremendously encouraged us. He shall never fully know, this side the pearly gates, how great was the good he did and how much he helped us!

Honorable William Jennings Bryan

The last Sunday afternoon that Dr. McNeill was with us, the Honorable William Jennings Bryan, fresh from his arduous duties as Secretary of State, gave us one of his masterly addresses. The crowds who pressed to hear Mr. Bryan could not be accommodated in the Tabernacle. This one service alone did so much to get our work before the public and to interest men and women in the higher, holier things that we owe Mr. Bryan an unpayable debt of gratitude.

The Rev. Charles Mitchell, D. D.

For but one night service could we command the help of Dr. Charles Bayard Mitchell, pastor of St. James Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago; but that was a sermon and a service never to be forgotten by any who were present. Dr. Mitchell gave us one of the greatest soul-winning messages of the entire campaign. He is a masterful preacher, and our regret was that he could not have stayed longer.

The Rev. William A. Sunday, D. D.

Naturally, because of his nation-wide reputation, great interest centered in the coming of "Billy" Sunday. The multitudes here as everywhere he goes were eager to see and to hear this modern Elijah. His first meeting gave him a packed house. In fact, the problem was not to get the crowds to the Tabernacle, but rather and chiefly to handle them. Had our Tabernacle been three times larger it likely would not have held the crowds who jammed the sidewalks and streets for admission. Before Mr. Sunday came we were paying three dollars and a half and higher at times per inch for daily advertising in the local press; but daily the papers gave him two and three columns free without any solicitation and that, too, when

advertising money from all parts of the country was eager for press space.

Mr. Sunday cannot any more be described as a popular preacher and evangelist than one can analyze his power with men. He preaches no emasculated gospel. He hates sin, but loves the sinner, and somehow sinners love him and believe in him. He believes in the Bible, in the Deity of Jesus Christ, and in the absolute necessity of the definite regeneration of the individual in order to the reformation of society. He hates the liquor traffic and every other form of unrighteousness with all his manly, Christ-honoring manhood. He makes clear to all who hear him that only personal faith in the blood atonement of Jesus Christ saves a soul. He is a man of definite prayer habit, of full dependence upon the Holy Spirit and of a burning passion for souls. He came to our aid absolutely refusing to accept any compensation whatever and would not take anything like his full expenses. He gripped our situation and helped our Committee *tremendously* for which he shall have our lasting gratitude! The Lord owned his work here abundantly in turning multitudes of the unsaved to Christ and in reclaiming hosts of backsliders. May the Lord more and more furnish and *use* him.

Rev. Matt. S. Hughes, D. D.

To follow "Billy" Sunday was no easy task for any man. But the Rev. Matt. S. Hughes, D. D., pastor of the great First Methodist Episcopal Church of Pasadena, California, in a worthy, commanding way, became our next Tabernacle preacher. By reason of the peculiar conditions and of the apparent difficulty in following Mr. Sunday, Dr. Hughes had the special sympathy and co-operation of us all. Few men would have dared what he dared! But God honored his faith, his courage, his masterful effort. His first sermon, so clear, so logical, so freighted with compelling thought, so deeply spiritual, so eloquent, so honoring to Jesus Christ, *clutched* all minds and hearts until that encouragingly large audience became in numbers and in interest a type of all the increasingly larger audiences that greeted Dr. Hughes.

Who that was so favored as to hear Dr. Hughes that first Sunday afternoon on the theme, "Jesus Christ, the Ultimate," can ever get away from the challenging force of that masterful uplifting of our Lord? Or who, having had the privilege of hearing all that soul-lifting series of sermons by this masterful

orator and preacher of righteousness, is not henceforth to be a more humble and devoted servant of Christ? The oft-repeated statement was: "Would that Dr. Hughes could have remained a month or more with us." This was the heartfelt desire of all who heard this man of God!

Rev. Benjamin Fay Mills, D. D.

Dr. Hughes was followed by the Rev. Benjamin Fay Mills, D. D., who was once a most commanding figure in the religious life of America. When Mr. Mills was doing that splendid evangelistic work of some twenty years ago, Mr. D. L. Moody is said to have said of him, "B. Fay Mills is the greatest living evangelist." Thousands of others then agreed with Mr. Moody; but that was before Dr. Mills became side-tracked from the Evangelical faith and fold—a tragic lapse that dishonored Jesus Christ and cost Mr. Mills the loss of thousands of friends. As yet his old-time fire has not fully returned, nor his former ability to preach the old truth! His long indulgence in all sorts of isms and pseudo philosophies makes it anything but easy for Dr. Mills now to express his new-found faith and impulses in evangelical

terminology that count for the largest possible soul-winning.

Yet, Dr. Mills can be assured of the sympathetic interest and the earnest prayers of us all for the full return of his former powers and evangelical efficiency.

The Rev. William Evans, D. D.

Following Dr. Mills came Professor William Evans, D. D., who occupies the chair of English Bible and Practical Theology in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Dr. Evans is recognized as a Bible teacher of great power. For this worthy work he is greatly in demand. His time with us was all too short. Yet, during his services of less than a week at the Tabernacle, Dr. Evans brought us great sermons and was largely used of the Lord to win souls. His work was greatly appreciated.

The Rev. R. A. Torrey, D. D.

Our committee, in more ways than one, owed much to the Los Angeles Bible Institute for aid in our great task, but the sending us two of its noble men greatly increased our debt. Dr. Torrey, the worthy dean of the Bible Institute at Los Angeles needs no introduction to any American or even any Anglo-Saxon city or

reader. His name for a quarter of a century has been a household word in Evangelical Christendom. He knows the Bible and believes it implicitly. He understands men. He knows how to adapt the truth as it is in Jesus Christ so as to bring results in work like this of the Tabernacle.

From his first service to the close of his stay, Dr. Torrey drew and held large audiences. Again and again he had the privilege, like John McNeill, of speaking to many hearers who full oft had listened to him during his great Evangelistic meetings in nearly all parts of the world. This alone was a fine tribute to his faith in God, his surrender to Jesus Christ, his definite stand for evangelical truth, his stalwart manhood and his exceptional service for the kingdom. Only eternity can fully disclose the good work Dr. Torrey did at the Tabernacle.

The Rev. William E. Biederwolf, D. D.

After Dr. Torrey came that other well-known, efficient and greatly beloved Evangelist, the Rev. William E. Biederwolf, D. D. Dr. Biederwolf was one of the very first men to recognize the tremendous opportunity for religious work at the time of the Exposition.

More even, he alone of our great Evangelists, was the first to offer his services to help in the work free of any compensation. This, more than ever he can know, encouraged our Committee. We all longed to have him with us.

Dr. Biederwolf gave us three weeks of service and from his opening night until the close the audiences that came to hear him and his justly famous singer, Mr. William McEwan, the great Scottish tenor, grew and grew until the attendance once more reached that of the time Dr. McNeill was with us. This was all the more remarkable by reason of the fact that after the going of "Billy" Sunday and the passing of the mid-summer, the Exposition crowds diminished and it was difficult to draw the larger audiences and swing the larger interest. But Dr. Biederwolf knows how to preach, how to do definite evangelistic work and how to program all his effort so as to reach, convict and win souls. He is a master at "drawing the net." He and Mr. McEwan each have a mighty passion for souls! Each night God honored the aggressive, compelling preaching and singing of these two noble servants of His by giving them souls in large numbers. They were here for *business*—the definite business of the King and He put

His mighty seal in tremendous way upon all their consecrated effort. They left us with a peculiarly tender and sweet hold upon our heart strings!

The Rev. Paul Rader, D. D.

Until the stay of Dr. Torrey with us, few of our Committee knew much, if anything, about Dr. Rader. His noted tent-work in Chicago during the summer had called the attention of all lovers of Evangelism to him as a man of coming power, but the getting of him for our Tabernacle work had not been specially thought of until Dr. Torrey urged this step. Hence, the coming to our help of this giant of a young man in the present-day movements of the Kingdom was one of the most distinctly providential things in connection with the work of our Committee. How grateful to God we all are for leading us to Dr. Rader!

Dr. Rader, like Dr. Biederwolf, is specially blest in having an able and most efficient singer in the person of Mr. William McKee. What a team these two young men make! Dr. Rader is still young, with a well-cultured and stored mind, with a fine athletic physique that has been scientifically trained in the latest athletic instruction, with a bright, cheery face, with ex-

ceptional powers as a preacher and with a compelling passion for souls. He, too, was here in the business of the King, and the King greatly used and blessedly honored his effort. In this work Dr. Rader is in his element. Although he came here as a stranger his audiences grew and grew nightly during his three weeks until on his last Sunday night fully 4,500 came to hear him. Our Committee believes that if he could have remained another week the Tabernacle would have been filled. Multitudes will rise up in glory to greet him as those he here won to the Master. His work most fittingly closed our great five months' campaign. He and Mr. McKee left here specially beloved!

XIII—Choristers and Soloists

Next to the able work of our Evangelists we owed most to the worthy leaders of the Tabernacle music. These also were men of dedication, of passion for souls, of prayer, of loyalty to Jesus Christ and of power as soul winners. In short, most of them will classify as artists.

Professor B. P. Stout of Pasadena, California, and his worthy wife came to our aid for the opening meeting in the Tabernacle. They remained the longest of the song leaders, even until after the first of August. They built and successfully directed our largest and most loyal chorus choir. They both are royal spirits and made a host of friends. Professor Stout is an able soloist and knows how to adapt his music and fine solo-effort to the occasion so as to make his work tell powerfully in soul winning.

Dr. Philip Wolfram of Chicago, who accompanied Dr. B. Fay Mills, had not had much experience in chorus work but the Lord has blest him with a rich baritone voice of superlative quality and power. He readily won his way to

our hearts. If he had been given full liberty to exercise his own initiative and to have developed his own peculiar ingenuity, doubtless his fine work would have shown up in still richer and more effective way. As it was, he attracted wide interest.

Mr. Charles Rykert of Pomona, California, has had much experience in evangelistic work with Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman and others; hence he, too, was at home in leading the chorus choir. Like Dr. Evans, so also the stay of Mr. Rykert with us was too brief to do his efficient work full justice. Our Committee was most grateful to him for his timely, acceptable help.

Mr. William McEwan, the famous Scottish tenor, so widely and favorably known in both this country and Great Britain, has few equals and no superiors today as a soloist and chorus choir leader. He is so happy-faced, so big-hearted, so optimistic, so bubbling over with telling cheerfulness that both choir and congregation will do anything he asks of them. He was a special favorite with all. What spiritual sensations thrilled the soul as full oft his sweet, uplifting, far-reaching tenor voice carried us up to the Throne!

Our last song leader was young, happy-faced, buoyant-souled Mr. William McKee, who so

nobly supported Dr. Paul Rader here and who so loyally supports his noble chief amidst all his taxing work in Chicago. Mr. McKee is specially fortunate, like Professor Stout, in having the help of a worthy wife. Mrs. McKee is an artist at the piano and most efficiently accompanies her husband in all his exceptionally fine solo work. Mr. McKee specially adapts both his selections and his singing to the themes and masterly preaching of Dr. Rader. They make an evangelistic team of exceptional efficiency and power. The Christian world, if they are spared, will yet hear from these godly men in a tremendous way.

Surely no committee ever was more highly favored in both evangelists and singers than was ours. Our gratitude to God and these brethren is full and shall be lasting.

"When they (Friends) are real, they are not glass threads or frost-work, but the solidest thing we know."

—Emerson.

Friendship.

XIV—The Special Helpers

To all who so nobly helped along the Tabernacle enterprise, including the chorus choir, the ushers, the personal workers and the special office force is due, and in most cheerful sincere way is given, the fullest possible gratitude of the Executive Committee.

Each of these groups occupied a peculiar position in the development of the great *task*. Each met a peculiar need. Each did a noble service. More even, what in general is true of each group in particular, likewise is true of the individual member in each group. Each individual member seemed to serve as unto the Lord. Each manifested a daily cheerful delight in the service thus rendered. Therefore let each realize that our Committee not only expresses gratitude of the deepest nature, but also feels that but for this whole-hearted voluntary service thus loyally rendered by each member of each group the trying task could not have been accomplished.

To the leaders of each of these groups who, during all those trying months of the strenuous

campaign, so faithfully and consecutively and nobly held together their respective groups, and to whose masterly leadership we all owe so much, is hereby given the special gratitude of our Committee. May it be that when we all shall gather in the Over Yonder, the redeemed who were "born from above" in the Tabernacle meetings shall greet you as leaders and as group members with the cheering assurance, "You helped to bring me here."

Likewise is the gratitude in full, sweet, personal measure due and given by the Committee to the office force, including Mary Blanche Bell, Nell Scott, Holt Hughes and Sam E. Mitchell, each of whom was so faithful, loyal, prayerfully interested and efficient.

Especially to Mr. Sam E. Mitchell for all his untiring devotion, all his prayerful brotherly help, all his self-denying and manly effort and all his unswerving companionship during all those days and nights so full of foreboding and taxing anxiety while the task was so increasingly *crushing,* is due and hereby given the sincerest gratitude of the Executive Secretary.

XV—Publicity

The publicity of such an undertaking as this never is easy. It costs money. It costs consecutive, business-like effort. Sometimes it costs BLOOD! Our utter lack of funds made adequate publicity impossible. In neither a national nor local sense could we properly afford to make our publicity what it should have been. So to have done would have required at least $5,000; whereas our total outlay for publicity cost perhaps far less than one-third of that amount.

Even after the Tabernacle had been built and we were ready for aggressive work, we found to our dismay that daily papers and billboard space either had been fully contracted for or were almost prohibitive in price. In fact, full oft we paid three and one-half dollars and more at times for inch space in the local dailies, and that space too upon the fifth, sixth and eighth page! Space on the first or for most of the time on second, third and fourth pages could not be secured at any price we could offer. Why this? Because the Exposition caused the

gathering here of all kinds of advertisers with all kinds of money from all parts of the country and the world.

Through the church press, certain magazines and other reputable weeklies the work received generous publicity. Also the literature of the Exposition Management and of particular departments did much publicity for us. Especially did the management do us the generous favor of sending out 75,000 personal letters to as many pastors all over the country—letters sent through our Headquarter's Office.

Locally, during our congresses and Tabernacle work our efficient and special press agent, Mr. E. A. Charlton, did us excellent daily service. In fact the local press was, through the efforts of Mr. Charlton, quite liberal toward our enterprise, considering the long run of nearly five months. For this favor the press has our special gratitude, properly expressed.

Added to all this we published weekly "THE TABERNACLE TIDINGS" in quantities ranging from three to ten, twelve and more thousand copies per week and these were sent broadcast to bay-region pastors and churches. More still, weekly we used ten and twenty thousand throw away cards, and the bulletins of the local churches and Young People's So-

cieties each week ably assisted with our publicity.

Yet, with all this, had we been able to command the money, we should have weekly and daily executed larger and more effective publicity. As it was we did the very best we could with our limited means.

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

—Isaiah, 55:11.

XVI—Distribution of Literature

Report of the Bible and Tract Committee of the Committee of One Hundred, Rev. A. Wesley Mell, Chairman.

"The work of the Bible and tract distribution, as done chiefly through the following agencies, namely: The American Bible Society, The American Tract Society, The American Baptist Publication Society, the Moody Bible Institute, The Bible Institute and the Bible House of Los Angeles, together with the co-operation of such interdenominational societies and organizations as the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association and certain denominational and independent Home Missionary societies and workers.

Thus there were distributed 118,473 New Testaments and portions of the Scriptures in SIXTY different languages, while 300,000 tracts and 5,500 other religious books in one way and another were given to the multitudes.

Tens of thousands of pages of other Christian literature and pamphlets of all sizes also were distributed by these same societies up until the Exposition closed.

A large part of this distribution was done at the booths of these various agencies as they exhibited in the Palace of Education and upon our exhibit space and elsewhere. No regular colportage work was allowed on the Exposition grounds; but by special personal work many tracts and much Scripture was given out in the other palaces and on the Exposition Zone.

In San Francisco proper, special attention was given to the sale and distribution of the Scriptures, and free distribution of tracts at the harbor front, on ships, in the jails, alms houses, among the soldiers and sailors, in various missions and during the Tabernacle meetings. (At the Tabernacle alone more than 125,000 Gospel tracts were distributed.)

Thus was the seed sown with prayer that on good ground it might take root and bring forth fruit unto everlasting life."

(Signed) Rev. A. Wesley Mell,
Chairman.

XVII—The Team Work

The team work of the Executive Committee was marvelous and deserves special mention. Consider the fact that with the single exception of the Executive Secretary each other member of this aggressive Committee, during those two years, was daily burdened with his or with her own regular and peculiar duties, whether as those of Bishop or active pastor, or busy lawyer or layman, or general secretary of some great missionary society or other aggressive organization. All the more is each of these noble ones most worthy of commendation for his or her unselfish gift, without compensation, during that long period.

Nor can the writer of these unpretentious pages refrain from herewith publicly declaring his heartfelt and sincere gratitude, as also his *unpayable* debt of personal obligation to these Committeemen both individually and collectively for all their exceptional kindness, all their loyal support, all their unselfish devotion, all their prayerful, consecutive interest to the great task, and for all their hearty, tender, brotherly kind-

ness to himself as their servant and co-partner in this work which full oft seemed impossible to accomplish! No man ever served or co-operated with a finer, truer band of men than this Executive Committee—from noble Bishop Hughes down the entire list. Our fellowship was the sweetest of the sweet. Even in those darkest days it rose to the sublime! Together as brothers we walked through it all. Together we faced and finished this task upon our knees.

To our Lord Jesus Christ, whose brother-voice full oft during those darkest days and hours seemed to say, "I am with you—I will guide you with mine eye," be all the glory. To these men of God be the increasing joys of a great task *unshirked,* as also of the cherished memories of those days when shoulder to shoulder we labored on and on while that appalling European war and the consequent conditions made our work all but impossible. Brethren, who dares to forecast our personal delight when by and by our glorified eyes shall rest upon the registered results of it all as recorded in the Books to be opened.

XVIII—Report of Treasurer J. E. White

The following amounts of money have been collected and disbursed by me:

Receipts

From Churches and Exposition Day	$13,734.75
Collections at Tabernacle	7,662.27
Personal Gifts	7,938.21
Peace Fund	6,099.00
Borrowed from Bank	4,211.40
Los Angeles Bible Institute	2,500.00
Panama-Pacific International Exposition Co. for Postage	1,500.00
Appeal for One Day Expenses	815.00
Sale of Tabernacle	455.00
Thank Offerings	82.10
Outside Collections	42.77
Miscellaneous	629.25
Total Receipts	$45,669.75

Disbursements

Salaries, Executive Secretary and general office force	$12,206.00
Evangelists, singers, including traveling and entertainment	5,734.02
Peace Congress	5,826.92
Tabernacle, furnishings, upkeep, caretaker and ground rent	5,404.27
Repaid loans with interest	4,269.89
Promotion and Advertising	3,524.84
Printing	2,407.44
Postage	1,693.00
General office expenses	1,515.15
Amount carried forward to page 80	$42,581.53

Amount brought forward from page 79.....	$42,581.53
World's Social Progress and Immigration Congresses	1,220.68
Telegraph and telephone	820.56
Outside evangelistic meetings	389.00
Office rent	200.00
Miscellaneous	14.76
Balance on hand	443.22
	$45,669.75

There were donations of labor, materials and moneys devoted to special objects in connection with the work amounting to $750.00 which did not go through the treasury.

The exhibits in the Palace of Education cost for installation and upkeep about $25,000.00, not included in the above report.

Other Congresses held under our auspices but whose funds did not pass through our treasury raised and expended about $12,000.00.

We estimate that the cost of getting out and mailing the book reporting our work will take all of the balance of money on hand.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. White,

Treasurer.

XIX—Prayer and Gratitude

To the oft repeated question from many persons in many places: "How was this task all so successfully accomplished?"—there is but one answer, and that is *through prayer.*

More than the larger committee and its nation-wide constituency ever shall know, more even than any others outside the very few who, amidst the darkness and the sunshine, stood shoulder to shoulder throughout all the tug and stress of the whole tremendous undertaking even can know, this task was achieved only as the direct result of prayer.

The prayer-seasons of the Executive Committee in both earlier and later sessions and the prayers of its individual members when alone in office or home or hotel or while off on country-wide travel; the prayers of local godly pastors and of multitudes of other devoted pastors the land over; the prayers of state and national assemblies, conferences and conventions; the prayers of that noble host of young people in America and elsewhere; the prayers of countless numbers of "shut ins"

whom only God hears; the prayers of thousands of devoted missionaries near and distant; and those midnight prayers in the crude little office of the great Tabernacle, when only two knelt before the Throne to lift all burdens of the mighty Task before our ever hearing and ever interested Father—this, this, inquiring reader, answers your question and the question of countless others, "How was it done?"

Fitting, therefore, it is that each of us to whom He gave the exalted privilege of a part in this great Task should express our deepest, fullest gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His self-evident daily answer to prayer; for His blessed leadership in the person of the Holy Spirit; and for all His loving, patient, consecutive aid given us until the Son of His love was honored even in feeble way by the achievement of the Task!

XX—Results

Results of any such work as this always are difficult to estimate. To write a full history of the great Exposition is utterly impossible. Equally impossible is it to approximate, much less to give definite results of the varied work of this Committee. The wide-reaching effects of the Task shall be known only when "the roll is called up yonder"!

Doctors John McNeill, R. A. Torrey and John R. Mott tell us that still, after twenty-two years, in their world travel they are meeting men and women who, in many lands, tell them of how they were converted during the great evangelistic campaign conducted by Mr. Dwight L. Moody at the World's Fair in Chicago. Drs. McNeill and Torrey prophesy similar results for the Tabernacle work at San Francisco.

Several of our good evangelists did not always "draw the net," a fact that hinders greatly in determining conversion results. Nor is it possible to give figure results of thousands and thousands of backsliders who were con-

victed of their sins and turned back to God and the Church. Perhaps there was not a service held without the conscience-piercing of hundreds of professing Christians who were sent home with a definite resolve to live closer to their Master and to serve Him better. The thousands and thousands who each week in the Tabernacle, in the inquiry room and elsewhere testified to this result alone cheered the hearts of the evangelists and of the Committee. What blessed letters, too, from many parts of this country and Canada the Committee received from many, especially from young men, who came to the Exposition not knowing of our work, but who were drawn to the Tabernacle and were definitely converted or revived in faith and service. Full oft did the Committee declare "this sort of encouragement alone is worth all the cost and effort of this work."

Hence the tabulated results shown on another page at best can be only partial. The fact is that we of this generation anyway have our eyes and minds too much fixed on mere figures! After all, do figures bulk as much in heaven as now on earth?

But there are other and far-reaching results of this work upon which we do well to think. Consider the local harmony and spiritual unity,

the force—silent, yet compelling force—in the local non-Christian as well as Christian mind daily of the *fact* of the Tabernacle—who can calculate the psychology of it?—the tremendous daily and nightly *witness* for Jesus Christ, the Bible and Protestantism of the Tabernacle idea; the restraint of it all upon thousands and thousands who were far from home and home influences—and especially the young; the fact that for nearly ten months this great work was somehow daily kept before the public in the daily press, and that, too, when every ism and evil imaginable were clamoring for recognition and *getting* it; the fact that all over this land and in other lands daily prayer for San Francisco and our work for ten months was going up to the Throne; the fact of the almost weekly challenge of the work as mentioned in much of the religious press, and in certain well-known magazines; and last but by no means least, the fact of the *offset* of evil by the continual presence of our work!

Perhaps the fuller force of these indirect but tremendous results of this work will clutch the minds of all forward men and women, if we simply raise this question, *"What might have been the results if no such work as that of our Committee had been attempted?"*

Religious Services Held

Tabernacle (open nearly five months)	155
Street meetings	80
Theater meetings	6
Various church meetings	20
Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. meetings	12
Meetings for girls down town	25
Penitentiary meeting ("Billy Sunday")	1
Exposition Grounds meetings	6
Total meetings exclusive of congresses	305

Congresses

The six congresses averaged seven sessions each, making in all over 40 noted gatherings.

Approximate Attendance

Tabernacle meetings (conservative)	325,000
Street meetings	25,000
Exposition Day (Mr. Sunday)	25,000
Theaters and halls	10,000
Various church services	8,000
Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. services	10,000
Penitentiary service	2,000
Attendance at congresses (at least)	40,000
Approximate total of at least	445,000

This estimate is very conservative, allowing an average at the Tabernacle meetings of only 2,000 per night and day for the 155 meetings, while for weeks the attendance ran over an average of 3,000 and during the time of Mr. Bryan and Mr. Sunday it was impossible to count the crowds that could not get in, but who stood outside and listened. Thus likely our work reached many over half a million people.

Approximate Conversions

At the Tabernacle meetings (about) 3,000
At all other meetings probably another . . 1,000

Total of about 4,000

Besides these whoever can know how many hundreds of backsliders were hopefully reclaimed or how many church members were definitely revived for effective service!

Again, what if no such work as this had been done?

"God whom I praise; how could I praise,
If such as I might understand,
Make out and reckon on His ways?"

—Browning.

XXI—Report of Auditor.

D. AUSTIN
Public Accountant
720 Merchants National Bank Building
San Francisco.

June 12, 1916.

Mr. J. E. White, Monadnock Bldg.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir: This is to certify that the records as presented of J. E. White, Treasurer of the "Committee of One Hundred" from January 5, 1914, to June 1, 1916, have been audited by me and found correct with your journal.

D. Austin,
Public Accountant.

Rudyard Kipling, at home in the Orient or in the Occident, has declared:

"O, the East is East, and the West is West,
And never the twain shall meet."

But in our great Exposition they did meet and to the lasting profit of both.

XXII—Estimates by Committeemen and Others

Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, D. D., LL. D.

"As I try to appraise the value of the work done by the Committee of One Hundred, the following things occur to me as worthy of entrance on the credit side of the books:

First—We did give to Christ an effective witness in connection with the great Exposition. By exhibit and by congresses and by an evangelistic Tabernacle we informed hundreds of thousands of people that He to whom belong all the silver and the gold and the cattle on a thousand hills was not left out of the plans for this amazing Fair.

Second—We placed in the Palace of Education the largest and broadest and best religious exhibit in the world's history. It was not perfect, of course, but under the magic skill of Mr. G. B. St. John it was made a thing of real value and an efficient precedent for all future like events. I think that it was God's

will that we could not house it in a separate building of religions. Located as the exhibit was, amid national legitimate companion exhibits, it caught the attention of all classes.

Third—Our congresses were of genuine consequence and service. It is doubtful if any other gatherings drew larger crowds or attracted more interest. These congresses ran the gamut of social and philanthropic interest. The finest speakers graced their platforms, and usually the utterances were put into permanent form so as to make the occasion of more than passing moment. Protestant and Roman Catholic and Jew spoke upon the big themes; and the Committee of One Hundred insisted that these congresses should teach no narrow mood nor serve any narrow constituency.

Fourth—For almost five months we maintained on a prominent corner, convenient both to the Exposition and to San Francisco's central life, an evangelistic service every evening and twice on Sunday. *These meetings were by far the most largely attended, both so far as great occasions were concerned and so far as sustained and regular audiences were counted, among all the gatherings of the Exposition period, save only those for special days.* Even-

ing after evening the greatest evangelists preached; and to the last the crowds came eagerly. The awkward but efficient building at the corner of Van Ness avenue and Bush street became a mecca for souls. No figures of the work could be given that would do it justice. The Angel of the Record will reveal the results in due season!

It is my opinion that the work was infinitely *worth while!* Those who were closest to the task and who carried the heaviest burdens shudder to think how near they were on several occasions to a surrender of the great enterprise! But God carried us through. To Him be the praise."

(Signed) Edwin H. Hughes,
Chairman of the Committee of One Hundred.

Bishop William M. Bell, D. D., LL. D.

"The conception of carrying forward during the Panama-Pacific International Exposition a strong evangelistic campaign was born of heroic and militant Christianity. Such an undertaking was admittedly beset with many difficulties, but there were those who believed that the Churches would be stupid in the presence of an unprecedented opportunity if the project

was not carried out in a large and adequate way.

The work has been fruitful and a mighty testimony for the Lordship of Christ has been given to many thousands. Dr. H. H. Bell, who has had the work in charge, has labored incessantly and with a courage that presaged victory. The whole campaign was a noble Christian achievement."

(Signed) WILLIAM M. BELL,
Chairman Social Service Activities Committee.

THE REV. GEORGE E. BURLINGAME, D. D.

"The work achieved under the direction of the Committee of One Hundred is a triumph of grace and a veritable miracle wrought by the power of God. Into a situation redolent with worldliness and godless revelry, a continuous and abundant stream of testimony concerning spiritual and eternal values was projected, bearing ever in the foreground the Lord Jesus Christ as the Savior of men and nations.

In the Exposition itself at a point of peculiar advantage, the exhibit of the Committee spoke to passing millions of the power of the

Gospel as a social, educational and moral force in every land.

In the Tabernacle, the twilight of each day, as it called out the glory of the resplendent Tower of Jewels and the flare of the search-lights at the Fair, prompted also the kindling, with unfailing regularity, of the light of Christian testimony at the heart of the city, where throngs surged in the broad avenue, and the Light that lighteth every man coming into the world was there revealed to multitudes for their salvation and renewing and refreshing.

San Francisco achieved marvelous things in conceiving and consummating her glorious Exposition, but in proportion to resources and facilities the Christian community which conceived and fostered the Christian exhibit and the evangelistic campaign achieved a still more phenomenal and astonishing result. The highest praise, and indeed the largest measure of recognition, are beyond question due to the tireless initiative, the utter unselfishness, and the abiding faith of the Executive Secretary, Dr. H. H. Bell."

(Signed) GEO. E. BURLINGAME,
Chairman of Committee on Evangelistic Activities and Pastor First Baptist Church, San Francisco.

"I believe that not one of our Committee is able to begin to measure the benefits arising from this enterprise.

It was a demonstration to the world that the people of San Francisco are not unmindful of the more serious things of life in celebrating one of the world's greatest achievements from a mechanical and engineering standpoint, but that they also desire to exemplify the highest type of Christian civilization. To that end they made their appeal to the world for assistance. This appeal met with generous response, and as the result the Missionary Exhibit in the Palace of Education was one that reflected credit upon the Christian world and made its impression upon millions of visitors who passed through the Exposition gates.

Likewise the religious campaign undertaken and carried on cannot be measured in this day or in this age, nor will its influence be limited by any geographical boundaries. In the great Tabernacle meetings thousands of lives have been touched and influenced and have gone out into the whole world to demonstrate the realities of Christianity, and while comparatively speaking it may have seemed a small en-

terprise, nevertheless I doubt if the same amount of money and effort could have been invested in any enterprise which would have yielded more adequate returns; hence I feel that any person who has sacrificed of his time and money to help make this campaign a success cannot fail to admit that such sacrifice has been *more* than worth while."

(Signed) J. E. White,
Recording Secretary and Treasurer Committee One Hundred.

The Rev. H. B. Johnson, D. D.

"At a time when there was the greatest danger of misinterpreting the real spirit of our civilization, the Committee of One Hundred, while heartily co-operating with the management of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in their worthy efforts to hold up the best, laid special emphasis upon the spiritual. This was done by holding noted congresses, by placing in the Palace of Education a most creditable exhibit of modern missionary activities, and by conducting great nightly evangelistic meetings in a centrally located Tabernacle, and all under the greatest difficulties!

The Committee accomplished a task of

world-wide significance. The many testimonies which I have heard from unexpected quarters make me increasingly grateful that I had a humble part in this great movement, the real influence of which never can be fully known."

(Signed) HERBERT B. JOHNSON,

General Superintendent of Japanese Work for the Methodist Episcopal Church, active member of the Committee of One Hundred and Chairman of the Committee on Missionary Activities.

THE REV. A. WESLEY MELL

"The work of the Committee of One Hundred has been well *worth while*. It has made visual and demonstrable the essential unity of the Churches, a closer fellowship of the co-operating denominations, a clearer expression of the Church's Social Message, a stronger emphasis of the Bible as the Word for all the world, and the presentation of the principles which alone will bring just relations between men and peace between nations. And above all, by its evangelism it has not only been the means of the salvation of many, but it also has spiritually quickened the lives of multiplied thousands, sending them to the ends of

the earth honoring and exalting Jesus Christ."

(Signed) A. Wesley Mell,
Chairman of the Committee on Bible Activities.

The Rev. E. R. Dille, D. D.

"The Tabernacle evangelistic campaign has more than justified the faith that projected it and the holy courage and consecration that realized the shining ideal. The vision that became a reality was born of prayer and a passion for souls, and God honored the undertaking beyond the most sanguine hopes of the Committee of One Hundred!

All honor to the band of Christian men and women who labored unweariedly and self-sacrificingly to kindle and keep burning the holy fire upon the Tabernacle altars through the long and arduous campaign. When everything else connected with the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in the year of our Lord 1915 is forgotten, the work wrought in the Tabernacle will be remembered, for a multitude of men and women from many lands will look back to that humble sanctuary as their spiritual birthplace, and to them it is a holy and glorious shrine as was the Temple of Jehovah on Mount Moriah.

How Providence favored us in the men of God who filled the Tabernacle pulpit during those months of struggle and victory! The ranks of the Christian ministry in Europe and America could not furnish better men—men better suited to their task, or men with a stronger, truer or more effective message, than that which was sounded forth in San Francisco above the din of Vanity Fair! Truly "the Tabernacle of God was *with* men," and the Christian Religion was *Exhibit A* during all of the Exposition. These preacher-evangelists needed a Pentacostal annointing, for theirs was a Pentacostal congregation and a Pentacostal opportunity, since "their line has gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world." How well they measured up to their task the throngs that waited on their ministry and the hundreds who were definitely led to Christ bear abundant witness."

(Signed) E. R. Dille,
Pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, Berkeley, California, and a member of the Executive Committee.

Professor Edward A. Wicher, D. D.

"In a city where every occult fad finds a following, where absurd philosophies and im-

moral religions flourish, the Tabernacle was a steadfast witness to the reality of sin and redemption, and to the omnipotence of the love of God.

This work has vitalized the faith of many members of the local churches, and sent them back to their churches to be more efficient workers. It has won multitudes for Christ, both from our own community and from all parts of the world. Among the manifold seductions to evil which seem to be inseparable from a great exposition, it has given a clear call to purity and to Christ. It has helped tempted men, by divine grace, to keep themselves unspotted from the world."

(Signed) Edward A. Wicher,

Professor—Department of New Testament Interpretation, San Francisco Theological Seminary, and member of Committee of One Hundred.

The Rev. Paul Smith, D. D.

"The attendance through the five months of the evangelistic campaign conducted by the Committee of One Hundred at the Tabernacle, was a source of continuous wonder to those who had the opportunity of contrasting

this with the attendance at the many conventions held during the Exposition! The largest conventions, with delegates and speakers from around the world, commanded average audiences of from twenty-five people up to three hundred, with now and then a larger mass meeting. As against this small showing, the average attendance at the Tabernacle throughout its long campaign ran well toward, if not above, the two thousand mark.

These Tabernacle audiences of course changed nightly, with hundreds of people attending for the first time the several services. The influence of this Tabernacle campaign has reached around the world. Simple, constructive, practical, the program of this religious work will commend itself to the religious public of the country as far more helpful than that carried out at any of the previous expositions.

The exhibit in the Palace of Education has challenged much attention and has carried the Christian message to countless thousands of passing people."

(Signed) PAUL SMITH,

Pastor of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, San Francisco, California, and member of the Executive Committee.

President John Willis Baer, LL. D.

"From others I have learned of the lasting good received by many in your Tabernacle meetings. The Great Work will bear fruit in eternity."

(Signed) John Willis Baer,
President of Occidental College, Los Angeles, and member of the Committee of One Hundred.

Henry J. McCoy, LL. D.

"Most sincerely I congratulate the Committee of One Hundred on the splendid work you have been able to accomplish by the special evangelistic efforts in connection with the Tabernacle on Van Ness avenue.

You have been able to command some of the strongest evangelists of our country, and the work of necessity must be far reaching in its beneficial results. In the large attendance, which must have been very encouraging to you all, you have reached representatives of our entire country and of many countries of the world. It was a happy thought to have a rallying point for Christian work and workers during the Exposition year. From my view-

point it has been a most pronounced success, both in attendance and in the numbers who have been led into the kingdom of God, Eternity alone will measure the results!"

(Signed) HENRY J. McCOY,
Senior General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of San Francisco.

MRS. EVELYN BROWNE KECK

"Just before the close of the Tabernacle meetings a young girl who boards at the Association "Residence Hall" said to me with joy in her face and in her voice: "I was converted at the Tabernacle last week and I am *so happy.*" Hers, I learned through one of our secretaries, was the *genuine* kind of conversion, which has resulted in her joining the church and in beginning the teaching of a Sunday School class. It seems to me that this alone is *worth* the entire cost of the Tabernacle and the whole season's work.

I wish also that I could tell you of all the transient Exposition guests we have had who have told of how helpful the Tabernacle meetings have been to them. Those of you who have put your hearts and souls and all of your time into this great work cannot know until

you shall have "reached the other side" what are the results of a work so widespread and so far-reaching."

(Signed) Evelyn Browne Keck,
General Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association of San Francisco and member of the Executive Committee.

Professor Thomas Verner Moore, D. D.

"I have attended a great many evangelistic services held in the Tabernacle and have heard every one of the leading evangelists who for any length of time has spoken there. It seems to me that these services have to a very large extent accomplished the purpose for which they were established. That purpose, as I have always conceived it, was not, like the ordinary series of union evangelistic meetings, to gather the churches together in an effort to reach the residents of San Francisco, merely with a view to bringing them into the churches. It was rather a mission to the crowds filling the city during the Exposition, especially to those from the outside. Many of these evidently were reached by the Gospel. And no doubt many more, whom God only knows, were turned to Him.

Dr. John R. Mott told me last spring in San Francisco, on his way from the Orient, that he had found men all over the world who received their first impulse toward God in similar meetings which Mr. Moody held during the World's Fair in Chicago. I have no doubt that a generation hence the fruits of these Tabernacle services in San Francisco also will be found scattered over the world!

I also feel that we cannot give too hearty an acknowledgment to the zeal and devotion of Dr. H. H. Bell and those associated with him in the management of this work."

(Signed) T. V. Moore,

Professor of Systematic Theology in San Francisco Theological Seminary, and member of the Committee of One Hundred.

Mr. Lyman Stewart

"I have not been in sufficiently close touch with your Tabernacle work to be able to express an intelligent opinion as to its value. However, if it has resulted in the actual salvation of souls the cost of the work has been a good investment.

Appreciating the difficulties with which you men have had to contend, I am, as ever,"

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) LYMAN STEWART,

Chairman Board of Managers Union Oil Company, Los Angeles, California.

HON. HENRY J. ALLEN

"I sincerely and earnestly congratulate the Committee upon the great religious work it has accomplished during the Exposition. As a Christian man, I am gratified at your undertaking and grateful that the religious phase of life was not neglected in the great Panama-Pacific International Exposition; but that an earnest and consecrated effort was made to give to all who visited the great world's Exposition a logical understanding of that which is the *biggest* thing in American life—*the power of the religion of Jesus Christ!*

I know the undertaking has been colossal, that it has called you men to a service of the most exacting and arduous character, and that it has been in every sense for the Master, and as such it has met the challenge of its great hour. In short, my heart is full of praise

which mouth cannot speak for the mighty enterprise."

(Signed) HENRY J. ALLEN,
Proprietor and Editor of the Wichita Beacon,
Wichita, Kansas.

(Mr. Allen, early in our great work, cheerfully came to San Francisco, although very busy, and held two great mass meetings for us that really gave the work its *swing!* He has our lasting gratitude.)

The following estimates are by the evangelists, and in the order of their service:

THE REV. JAMES A. FRANCIS, D. D.

"The Tabernacle meetings accomplished three things:

First—They gave a fine exhibit of Christian unity—of loving effort among people with more or less diversity of credal interpretation.

Second—They kept the Gospel a *live* subject in the minds of thousands. Even to pass the Tabernacle on the street cars was a reminder *worth while.*

Third—They led many definitely into fellowship with Christ, and thus into the first real taste of the power of the spiritual life.

To all who see life whole and sane, the above results were *gloriously worth while!"*

(Signed) JAMES A. FRANCIS,
Pastor of First Baptist Church, Los Angeles.

(Dr. Francis opened our Tabernacle work in large and commanding way. We owe him a debt impossible to pay.)

EVANGELIST L. W. MUNHALL, M. D.

"Organizing the Committee of One Hundred, building the Tabernacle, and conducting an evangelistic campaign in San Francisco at the time of the Exposition was a most sensible and heroic thing to do! Sensible because the opportunity to vindicate Christianity as a vital and essentially aggressive force was *great!* Heroic because, although the Protestant Churches of the city represent only about four per cent of the population, and the unreligious and demoralizing influences of an exposition were dominant, yet the Committee, under able executive leadership, pushed the battle to the gates—and beyond!

All honor to the men who planned and executed so successfully the noble campaign!

Having once conducted an evangelistic campaign covering all parts of San Francisco, in which nearly all the evangelical churches were

united, and having assisted in the evangelistic campaigns during the Chicago and St. Louis Expositions, I have a pretty accurate knowledge of the case."

(Signed) L. W. MUNHALL.

(Dr. Munhall's fame as an evangelist is nation-wide.)

THE REV. JOHN MCNEILL, D. D.

"It was a great joy to me to have the part I was permitted to have in the great work of the Committee of One Hundred at San Francisco during the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The work of the Committee was heroic and timely and highly honoring to Jesus Christ. The Committee has my heartiest commendation and my sincerest congratulations upon its achievement. It was a most difficult task—one that required faith, courage, perseverance, *blood!* But the men who under God pressed it on to successful accomplishment are of "the never-give-up" type and God honored their self-sacrificing effort.

What crowds came night after night during all of July! This both surprised and gladdened me. I wondered if the multitudes would turn away from the Exposition night after night and come to hear me preach; but

praise God they did! It was preaching to a *procession,* but that in itself was one of the most challenging features of the great undertaking. What an opportunity for holding up Jesus Christ as "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world"! As then I remarked more than once to the Committee, so again I declare, that I believe it *was the greatest opportunity and the greatest work the Lord has given me to do!* I think because this work was centralized that likely it accomplished more than the great campaign in which I had so honorable and large a part at Chicago during the World's Fair in 1893. The Tabernacle meetings enabled us to get at the crowds so well. And those Cort Theater meetings were both timely and great!

In short, I surely did enjoy this work and was sorry to leave it. What a privilege it would be to preach thus nightly the year round in San Francisco. What a response, too, the people gave us there! I greatly enjoyed my fellowship with the Executive Committee. What if this work had not been attempted?"

(Signed) JOHN MCNEILL,

Noted World Evangelist and pastor, now of Central Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado.

The Rev. William A. Sunday, D. D.

"I believe it will be several years before a just estimate of the Tabernacle evangelistic work during the Panama-Pacific International Exposition can be made. But I am convinced that a new religious sentiment was created in San Francisco, that impulses for righteousness were set in motion up and down the Pacific Coast and that hundreds of thousands of visitors carried the fire to even remote parts of the country and world.

I have seen San Francisco rise Phoenix-like from the ashes of a stricken city, and I have admired her and loved her for her courage and determination, her patience and her hope. In the midst of this her material success, in this triumph of physical achievement, which will rank high in the history of American cities, the danger was that San Francisco would forget the Lord! But I believe the evangelistic effort during the Exposition served mightily to turn the thoughts of her citizenship, as also the multitudes of her visitors, definitely to Him in whom we live and move and have our being; and that her future will see material growth and spiritual development going along hand in hand. I

have a warm spot in my heart for the city by the Golden Gate."

(Signed) W. A. Sunday.

(How mightily, under God, he helped us!)

The Rev. Matt S. Hughes, D. D.

"The Tabernacle work of the Committee of One Hundred during the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, to my mind, represented the best plan for an exhibit of religion successfully carried out. It was infinitely better than the familiar Parliament of Religions, which was nothing better than talking matches on the subject. The Tabernacle was an experiment station, giving daily exhibitions of the power and value of the saving grace of God."

(Signed) Matt S. Hughes,
Pastor First Methodist Episcopal Church of Pasadena, California.

The Rev. Benjamin Fay Mills, D. D.

"I value exceedingly the work that was done by the Committee of One Hundred in the Union Tabernacle and during the great Exposition.

The spectacle of the marvelous recuperation of San Francisco, in the wonderful rebuilding

of the stricken city, the overflowing of the great enthusiasm of the people in the matchless Panama-Pacific International Exposition, and beyond that the organization of the Committee of One Hundred and the provision of the Union Tabernacle to be open night by night with various voices sending forth the pure Gospel message, form a rare accomplishment cheering the hearts of Christian people everywhere.

I esteem it a privilege to have been associated with the earnest fellow-workers in this great undertaking. Day by day, men and women, young and old, have remolded their lives, and there has not been a train leaving San Francisco for the last few months but has carried to some portion of our land, east or west, north or south, some of those whose hearts have been warmed by the fire which burned at Pentacost. Only the Day can declare the illimitable influence of this spiritual endeavor!

May all the harvest that has been gathered in these noble days in San Francisco become as seed planted in good soil over the thousands of miles to which it shall be carried, until it in turn shall be as the Word of God, bringing forth bread to the eater and seed to the sower."

(Signed) BENJAMIN FAY MILLS,
Evangelist.

The Rev. William Evans, D. D.

"I was greatly impressed, during my visit and work at the Gospel Tabernacle, with the importance of the work being done there. It is no small thing for the Church to know that daily during the sessions of the Exposition testimony is being given to the Gospel and the truths of Christianity; nor should the fact be overlooked that in addition to the edification of the Christians who attend the meetings many were being won to Christ!

I consider the venture a splendid investment for Christ and the kingdom."

(Signed) William Evans,

Instructor in the Bible Institute, Los Angeles, California.

The Rev. R. A. Torrey, D. D.

"I had the privilege of being in San Francisco eight days in connection with the Tabernacle work of the Committee of One Hundred. I could not but see that the work was of the highest importance. The Tabernacle could not have been in a better location. The importance of the work could not be estimated alone by the crowds that nightly came to hear the Word;

one must take into view the character of the crowds. They represented many States and many lands and the good that was done at the Tabernacle will extend all over the world!

During those days in San Francisco I met at the Tabernacle men and women from Australia, from Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee, and Edinburgh, Scotland; from Belfast and Dublin, Ireland; from Germany and other lands. In fact, a very large proportion of those converted at the Tabernacle were from out of the city of San Francisco, and the results of the great work cannot be estimated by the numbers that united with the Churches of San Francisco. Thank the Lord for this work and for all it is to mean to the kingdom."

(Signed) R. A. Torrey,

World-famed evangelist and now the Dean of Los Angeles Bible Institute.

The Rev. William E. Biederwolf, D. D.

"The Tabernacle work was *big* with the most *far-reaching* results—to my way of estimating it! Eternity must give the real estimate; man cannot!

In the face of difficulties which to be appreciated one had to study at close range, the Ex-

position Tabernacle evangelistic campaign carried on a most magnificent mission for the winning of men and women to Christ. Among the chief factors in the success of this mighty work that must be registered high up was the noted and careful planning, the heroic execution and the tenacious hold on God of the Executive Secretary, the Rev. H. H. Bell, D. D.

One of my great pleasures while preaching at the Tabernacle was to meet so many Exposition visitors who had been in some of our other evangelistic campaigns in various parts of the United States. Those who were so highly privileged as to have any share in this great work for Christ and the kingdom can gratefully thank God for it!"

(Signed) W. E. Biederwolf,

Famous evangelist and Manager of the Winona Lake Assembly.

The Rev. Paul Rader, D. D.

"What a mighty work for Christ and His Kingdom your Committee has accomplished; not only in San Francisco and on the Pacific Coast, but the sound of it has gone out "unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

No evangelists ever preached to more cos-

mopolitan audiences than those the Executive Committee of the Committee of One Hundred gathered nightly during the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in the great Tabernacle at San Francisco.

Your Committee undertook a tremendous task when you set out on a five months' every night schedule. Most committees would have said it was a physical impossibility to keep the interest of the people sustained for so long a stretch, but you *did it!* I came to you so near the close, for the "home stretch," yet I found the people *eager* to hear, willing to help, and the Committeemen whom I met prancing in the harness.

You brethren certainly are royal hosts! Mrs. Rader, Mr. and Mrs. McKee and I all greatly appreciate your wonderful hospitality. You showed us thoroughly the city, the bay region and the magnificent Exposition. You gave us the best for our bodily comforts, and overpaid us on top of it all! We do most heartily thank you for all these things! We are specially grateful to you, in His name, for giving us the splendid opportunity of laboring together with you all in this great soul-winning campaign, and for allowing us thus to be there at its glorious, Holy Spirit-blest closing season!

The Church at large cannot *thank* you men enough for keeping the Gospel fires burning, and lighting the way for the throngs who came to the Exposition from every State and nation.

On that last Sunday afternoon and evening I shook hands with people there from England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and Germany; from Honolulu, Japan, China, Corea, and India; from many States in the Union, and with a full-blooded Hopi Indian.

Since returning to Chicago I hear many other ministers and laymen expressing their profound gratitude for the way you men out at San Francisco have stood for Jesus Christ and the Gospel."

(Signed) PAUL RADER.

(Worthy pastor of Moody Church, Chicago, and the man who so successfully conducted the close of our campaign. A coming *great* man.)

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